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TREGO COUNTY VISITED BY TORNADO

Last Monday evening between seven and eight o'clock a storm occurred in the southeast part of the county that is the worst ever known in this part of the country. At Wa-Keeney some rain fell and it hailed a little but not enough to do any damage, there was very little wind but the clouds had a greenish tint which most of the people believed bespoke hail some where near by but it was much worse than a hail storm for the storm broke in its fury about sixteen miles south of town and left a path of destruction from one fourth to one half mile wide.

From all particulars it seems that it first struck the Repshire place twisting the barn and granary from their foundations, then jumped to the John Lohman place where everything was wiped out house, barn, out buildings, farm machinery, everything movable was leveled to the ground even the clothing of the family could not be found. Several head of stock were killed and the actual possession of this farmer after the terrific storm was one pig and two or three chickens. From there the storm passed to the Alex Reece place to further wreak its fury. Mr. and Mrs. Reece and children saw the approach of the storm and putting the children in an auto drove eastward to a neighbors which proved to be the means of saving their lives as everything at this place was swept as clean as a floor, scarcely enough left to tell the place had ever been inhabited. Out of a flock of two hundred and fifty sheep two hundred and eight were killed and maimed. They were so badly mutilated and covered with mud that they could not even be skinned, so were piled up in piles and burned as far as was possible. This is a great loss to Mr. Reece for every thing he had is gone.

About a quarter of a mile away from the Reece farm is the home of Mr. Stebbins the business partner of Mr. Reece and here the granary and barn were only slightly moved but a fine large field of wheat was wiped out as clean as a threshing floor.

The G. M. Stanton place also presents a picture of desolation and destruction, here instead of being swept clean, while every thing was destroyed it was piled up in disordered masses not one thing left standing. Mr. Stanton was out side during the storm and escaped injury which seems miraculous in the face of so much flying debris. Mrs. Stanton and two little boys doubtless owe their lives to crawling under a bed which stood in a corner and the entire end of the house blew over them without depositing any of the flying timbers on them. Cattle, horses and poultry were killed and many so badly maimed as to have to be shot.

The storm also wrought havoc at the home of William Dietz. A stone house was partially destroyed and one of the finest barns in the country was leveled to the ground. Farm machinery, poultry, a valuable registered bull and other stock was killed. His twelve year old daughter went to a window to try to hold it in when a hail stone struck the glass causing a piece to enter her eye injuring it so seriously that she was taken to the hospital at Hays the next morning to have the eye operated on.

George Hobbick's place escaped serious damage although his barn was moved and things blown around a good deal.

The Bert Stanton place was another

one that was swept pretty clean everything being taken excepting here and there a pile of demolished furniture and clothing. An up right piano was so torn to pieces as to be scarcely recognizable. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton started for the home of a neighbor but were blown out of their auto and a flying splinter was driven into Mrs. Stanton's side causing a great gaping wound so large that when Dr. Herrick probed it he found a good sized pebble had been driven in by the force of the wind. Mrs. Stanton was taken to the Hays hospital also for treatment. She has the sympathy of every one in her misfortune and all hope she will make a speedy recovery. The last place on the route of the storm was Tom Kutina's about six miles south of town, here as at other places much was destroyed farm machinery, stock, barns and out buildings and a part of the house and furniture, the family were saved from injury and perhaps death by going to an outside cave.

Reports came from Yocemento, Codell and the Saline northeast of Hays of terrific storms on the same night and near the same time of night with nine lives lost and much stock and property destroyed. Everybody from town who could get out visited the storm swept district and these people have the sympathy of every one in their misfortune and though it is a most deplorable condition we are thankful that no lives were lost. It seems to us that every body had better get busy and build a good cyclone cave as it is the safest proposition we know of in case of a tornado or cyclone.

A TORNADO NEAR HAYS

Hays, May 22.—(Special)—Ten persons were killed, two probably fatally injured and dozens of others less seriously injured, in a tornado which swept across northern Ellis and southern Rooks counties last night. The little town of Codell, in Rooks county, is practically wiped out, all the churches, school buildings and larger business houses and residences, being demolished by the tornado and the debris swept away.

The tornado started fifteen miles northwest of Hays and swept a strip a mile wide in a northwesterly direction, for a distance of thirty-five miles. Only meager reports have been received and the death list may be increased when full details of the devastation are learned.

The list of dead:
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Geist and three children, near Hays.

Mrs. Walter Adams and baby, of Codell.

Two children of Frank Jones, of near Codell.

Mr. Turan, of Codell.

Those fatally injured:
Anton Bungardle, of near Hays.

Frank C. Huber, of Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Geist.

Hundreds of head of horses and cattle were killed by the storm and much damage was caused to growing crops by hail which came after the wind had passed. Scores of farm homes and barns were demolished, in some instances every vestige of the buildings were swept away.

George Bahl, his wife and two children had a miraculous escape from death. When the tornado struck his farm it picked the house up and hurled it 400 yards through the air, setting it down without injury. Then the wind sucked out all four sides of the building and left the family seated

on the floor all unhurt.

On the James McIntosh farm all four wheels of a new wagon were torn off. The wheels were scattered in all directions and were found a half mile apart. One was discovered hanging to a fence post. The McIntosh house was torn in half, and each section tossed in a different direction.

At the Geist farm the buildings were so demolished and the debris blown away that rescuers had to tear up the floor in a milk cave to get boards on which to carry the bodies of the victims.

A 2-year-old baby was blown out of the arms of its uncle on the Geist farm and carried an eighth of a mile by the cyclone. When found every bone in the child's body had been broken. The Geist children were aged 2, 3 and 5 respectively.

The storm occurred at 9 o'clock last night. For three hours the people of the stricken section crawled about in a sort of stupor. It was 1 o'clock before Sheriff Weltz was summoned. He has been in charge of the situation, particularly overseeing the roundup of the stock and finding shelter for the unfortunate.

The finest orchard in western Kansas owned by James McIntosh, is a complete loss. Lightning struck his house, divided it; then the twister turned the parts in different directions; blew the barn at the house from one direction and the concrete roof of the milk house at it from the other.

Many of the homes in the district were of stone and the occupants of them are bruised from flying debris. Robert Harmon saved his mother's life by throwing an elbow in the path of a stone from the walls of their home. A post was carried one-half mile, driven through a window and neatly deposited on the dining table of George McIntosh's home. No damage was done to the place.

On the P. J. Dean ranch thirty miles north of Hays, every building was demolished, including a steel reinforced concrete barn, 100x300 feet, and a concrete silo. Concrete blocks from these buildings were strewn for 500 yards. The house was a new one, made of stone and concrete and the family rushed to the storm cellar seven feet below ground, with a concrete roof. Everything was blown away. Dean came to Hays in borrowed clothing today. His individual loss was over \$17,000. The C. G. Cochran ranch home in the same neighborhood was leveled.

The western half of Osborne county was visited by a tornado during the night, and several people slightly injured. A two-inch rain accompanied the wind storm. Heavy rains covering the wheat belt of northwestern Kansas were reported.—Capital.

CAR-HAVENS

On Tuesday evening, May 21, at nine thirty occurred the marriage of George R. Carr to Miss Margery Havens at the brides parents in Collyer, Kansas. Clarence V. Powell, of this city officiating.

Margery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Haven, the new manager of the Collyer Lumber Company, who came last fall to Collyer from Hunter, Kansas. Margery is a graduate of the high school at Sylva Grove and for almost two years has been connected with the post office at Luray, Kansas. She is an accomplished lady worthy of becoming the queen of this new home.

George is the son of Robert B. Carr, of Rich Hill, Mo., and has for five years been in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad. Two years ago he was stationed at Ellis, Kansas, and the last year in the chief dispatchers office at Salina, Kansas.

The young couple left on train 102 for Rich Hill, Mo., but next Saturday, May 25th, George is to report at Camp Funston, he being in the next call. We are sure he will make a valuable man for Uncle Sam, being already trained in the very line of work that we are needing, equipped soldiers at this time.

Yes, he has given his life and she has given him who is dearer than her own life to fight for our flag, our country and our God. xx

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THE FARMERS FRIEND

Ever alert to the interest of the Kansas farmer, Governor Capper has on many occasions come to the aid of the man of the soil since the United States entered the war against Germany. On numerous occasions before the war, Governor Capper stood firmly for the interests of the Kansas crop producer. Since this country entered the war, though, the governor has championed the interests and rights of the farmer and stood for justice in the fixing of prices, exemption of farm labor and distribution of cars for farm products.

Thousands of letters have come to the governor's office from the Kansas farmers in the last year. Instinctively they have looked to Governor Capper



to speak for their rights and to champion their cause. Every letter received attention. Every statement voicing a discrimination against the farmer, received a fair hearing. On numerous occasions Governor Capper protested to the federal officials in Washington when an unjust or discriminatory order confronted the farmers of his state.

Exemption of Farm Labor

Governor Capper early in the war urged the exemption of young men of the farm actively engaged in producing crops. He urged upon officials in Washington the fact that the army on the farm was as important in the war crisis as the army on the battle field of France. Expert farmers must be kept at home, he declared, that the American army and the armies of the Allies should be properly fed. As a result of the protests against enforcing the selective draft against bona fide farmers, the war department ruled that men actually engaged in the production of crops should be exempted from service until the crops were planted or harvested.

The governor's protests were not in the spirit of protest against enforcement of the selective service law. To the contrary it was that the effect of the law might be made the more thorough and efficient. Under the program which he urged the production of the farm might keep pace with the building of the national army. Realizing the serious labor situation confronting the farmers of Kansas the other great crop producing states, the war department has co-operated with other federal departments in establishing a program which will not retard the production of record crops.

In keeping with the enormous advance in the cost of farm machinery and seeds and the high wage scales, Governor Capper urged upon the government a proportionate advance in the price of farm products. He urged not only an advance in keeping with the increased farm expense, but such an advance as would insure stimulated production. Nor was that all. The governor in his statement of the case of the farmer to the federal government, urged that the government confine itself not alone to the fixing of prices of farm products, but also fix the price of conditions and materials which the farmer must buy.

Through the program urged by Governor Capper, the state council of national defense organized the state in a campaign to secure best possible seeds. Nor did the work outlined by the governor stop when the defense council merely found the seed wheat and seed corn. Its next step was to inform the farmer in need of seed as to the sources of supply. It also keeps a watchful eye on prices and opposed any attempt at profiteering either by the man with seed to sell or the man who might speculate in the grains produced on the Kansas farms.

Cars For Movement of Grains
In his efforts to protect the interest of the farmer Governor Capper directed a fight which had for its pur-

MARGARET SWIGGETT

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(Register of Deeds of Trego County Eight Consecutive Years)

pose an equal, adequate and just distribution of cars for the movement of crops. He urged upon the state public utilities commission the necessity of cars for the movement of wheat, corn and other grains. When the government took over the operation of railroads, Governor Capper laid the matter before the federal government. Largely through information provided by him, embargoes against the movement of broom corn were lifted.

Stockmen throughout the state protested vigorously against an embargo on stock feed. Governor Capper sent to Washington a statement as to the facts in the case. Cars were provided for the movement of the necessary feed and Kansas stock growers and breeders were saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses which might otherwise have been suffered.

Before the state legislature Governor Capper urged the strongest laws for the benefit and protection of the farmer and the stockman. He insisted upon grain grading laws and regulations which would protect the grower and the small shipper and throughout his administration stood flatly, firmly and consistently for the things that advanced the interests of the man on the Kansas farm. In the last legislature he stood firmly for the measure introduced by the Farmers Union which was intended to stop discrimination on the part of the railroads in the distribution of cars for shipment of grain. This law makes it impossible for the railroads to favor the big elevators as against the farmers and other small shippers.

DEATH OF J. L. BROWN

Word received from Miss Ida Blackburn, of Savannah, Mo., states the death of James Louis Brown at his home in Clarinda, Iowa, on May 3rd, after an illness of about three weeks.

In 1887 Mr. Brown came to Wa-Keeney and was engaged in the clothing business for about eight years when he returned to Clarinda and entered the post office as Deputy Post Master in which capacity he served fifteen years then was appointed Post Master which office he held for five years thus giving twenty years of faithful and efficient service to the Government and community at large. Early in life he united with the Methodist church and to those in sorrow or trouble has always been an example to others. His was an unselfish, useful life and while he is gone his many kind Christian acts will be cherished forever by his family and friends. Mr. Brown will be remembered by many of our old time readers as he made many warm friends during his stay in Wa-Keeney. He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Edith Welch, of Omaha, Nebr., Mrs. W. C. Phillips, of Clarinda, Louis H., of Varna, Ill., and Mabel A. of Omaha, Nebr. His grand children are Mrs. Max E. Brown, of Red Oak, Iowa, Bernice, Wallace, Roy, Edith and Lowell children of his son Louis, of Varna, Ill.

HAYS NORMAL EXPECTS LARGEST SUMMER SCHOOL

Hay, May 20.—Judging from the number of inquiries received by the Registrar of the Fort Hays Normal, the enrollment for the summer school will be the largest in its history. The summer term begins, Tuesday, May 28th. The entire graduating class of several high schools will attend in a body. The number of older people who will be in school here will also be larger than usual.

In addition to all the regular college work, special courses will be offered in war public speaking, war cooking, war sewing, war singing, and the agriculture department will give training in war gardening and irrigation farming.

NOTICE

All men who have become 21 years of age since June 5th, 1917, are hereby notified to register with the local board at Wa-Keeney on June 5, 1918. C. H. Benson, Sec. Local Board.

"DICTAGRAMS"

As for me I have only to say that it is a very short step from Schwinn to Schwindle. From that point we drive on to Schwindleheimer and the whole thing has such a pro-German sound it won't buy anything for Mr. Schtubbsky. Bolshevism gets nobody anywhere.

No boys, whatever else you may do, "get" Kaiser Bill and all his bloody brood and put an end to the fallacy that any one man or any one nation should enslave the rest of the world.

If a man believes that he is the chosen instrument of the Almighty, and if he can make his nation believe it and worship him, he may then write his own bible and if powerful enough he may force the rest of the world to swallow his dope. And of such stuff the "divine right" of kings is made.

The selective draft is the fairest way to recruit an army but for all that a lot of good-for-nothing-else fellows get by and remain at home to eat the bread they don't earn. Of draft age, over draft age and under age, doing nothing and without visible means of support they are useless to the community and sooner or later may become a menace. In the meantime worth while boys are taken by the draft or else they volunteer. Of course the war is not getting all the workers but have you ever heard of a loafer that volunteered, or do you know of one that has been pulled off his perch by the draft?

An editorial in the Topeka State Journal recently suggested Roosevelt and Taft as the Republican presidential ticket for 1920. In the name of all the outraged affinities, misfits and misalliances, whoever could conceive of a more ominous, hopeless, impossible conglomeration

Stop whining and eat the substitutes. You are not the first and these sub are not the worst. Think of the multitude that were grateful for the barley loaves and little fishes—two measly dried herrings, perhaps. For shame's sake, eat and stop whimpering!

Certainly, your Uncle Heck eats whatever is set before him and asks no questions. He goes even so far as to accept cold greens for dessert.

Henry Ford can make anything—even music boxes—and some of the Lizzies seem to be rather sweet singers.

More and more, the war gets close and closer. Another family with two volunteers in the service is that of J. J. Keras and wife.

Take down your stale posters and get ready for something new, fresh and beautiful. And the sooner the old ones are down the more effective the new ones will be. Give the windows a chance to get ready for efficient work.

SUMMER KINDERGARTEN

Beginning on Monday, May 27th, I will open a Kindergarten for children from four to six years old, in the Primary room of City School building. I have had three years experience in teaching little children and also special training.

Hours 9:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Length of term eight to ten weeks. If interested see or phone

Irene Hemphill.
Phone No. 160.

FOR RED CROSS BENEFIT

A Pyramid Nut Fruit cake will be placed on sale for the benefit of the Red Cross and will be put on display in Caron's store window. Largest bid by 5 p. m. Saturday, May 25th, takes this cake. Phone or leave your bids at Caron's.

The cake will be made and donated by Mrs. H. M. Bosserman and daughter.